

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An endoprosthesis for replacing an ankle joint, comprising:
a lower component which is configured to be connected to an ankle bone and which forms a top slide surface,
an upper component which forms a planar or substantially planar bottom slide surface and which has a top connection surface configured for connection to a resection surface of a shin bone, and
an intermediate part which has two slide surfaces interacting with the top and bottom slide surfaces of the upper and lower components, the slide surface of the intermediate part interacting with the bottom slide surface of the upper component being planar or substantially planar,
wherein the upper component ~~is wedge-shaped~~ forms an angle greater than 1° in a frontal or sagittal section between its bottom slide surface and ~~its top connection surface~~ a horizontal plane relative to an upright orientation of the upper component or the intermediate part ~~is wedge-shaped~~ forms an angle greater than 1° in a sagittal section between its top slide surfaces ~~surface~~ and a horizontal plane relative to an upright orientation of the intermediate part, ~~the wedge-shape of the upper component being indicated by one edge of the upper component having a greater thickness than an opposite edge of the upper component, and the wedge-shape of the intermediate part being indicated by one edge of the intermediate part having a greater thickness than an opposite edge of the intermediate part.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The endoprosthesis as claimed in claim 1, wherein the interacting slide surfaces on the lower component and the intermediate part interact substantially nonrotatably with respect to a vertical axis of the endoprosthesis.

3. (Previously Presented) The endoprosthesis as claimed in claim 1, wherein the interacting slide surfaces on the upper component and the intermediate part interact rotatably with respect to a vertical axis of the endoprosthesis.

4. (Currently Amended) The endoprosthesis as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the angles associated with the upper component and the intermediate part have a wedge angle of are between 1° and 16°.

5. (Currently Amended) The endoprosthesis as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the wedge-shaped upper component comprises a separable wedge-shaped part having one of a varying number of wedge angles and a non wedge-shaped part having no wedge angle, wherein the wedge-shaped part includes the planar or substantially planar bottom slide surface of the upper component and the non wedge-shaped part includes the top connection surface of the upper component.

6. (Currently Amended) A system of endoprostheses for replacing the ankle joint, comprising a plurality of sets of endoprostheses, each set comprising:

a lower component which is configured to be connected to an ankle bone and comprises a ~~planar or substantially planar~~ top slide surface,

an upper component which comprises a planar or substantially planar bottom slide surface and a top connection surface configured for connection to a resection surface of a shin bone, and

an intermediate part which comprises two slide surfaces configured for interacting with the top and bottom slide surfaces of the upper and lower components, the slide surface of the intermediate part configured for interacting with the bottom slide surface of the upper component being planar or substantially planar,

the system comprising sets of first upper components whose top and bottom faces are substantially parallel and first intermediate parts whose top faces are substantially parallel with

the overall direction of their bottom faces and sets of either corrective upper components which are configured for exchange for the first upper components and which are ~~wedge-shaped not substantially parallel~~ in their sagittal or frontal planes between their top and bottom faces or corrective intermediate parts which are configured for exchange for the first intermediate parts and which, between their top faces and the overall direction of the bottom faces, are ~~wedge-shaped not substantially parallel~~ in the sagittal plane as compared to the first intermediate parts, ~~the wedge-shape of the corrective upper components being indicated by one edge of the corrective upper components having a greater thickness than an opposite edge of the corrective upper components, and the wedge-shape of the corrective intermediate parts being indicated by one edge of the corrective intermediate parts having a greater thickness than an opposite edge of the corrective intermediate parts.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The endoprosthesis as claimed in claim 4, wherein the ~~wedge-shaped corrective upper~~ component comprises a separable wedge-shaped part having one of a varying number of wedge angles and a non wedge-shaped part having no wedge angle, wherein the wedge-shaped part includes the planar or substantially planar bottom slide surface of the upper component and the non wedge-shaped part includes the top connection surface of the upper component.

8. (Currently Amended) The endoprosthesis as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the angles associated with the upper component and the intermediate part have a wedge angle of are between 3° and 8°.